

with the extra cost, the cost savings that we're told will be affected by implementation in 1995 rather than 1997, but possibly we need to think here a little bit in terms of maybe we need to change that date some. Maybe changing July 1st of 1997 can be worked with a little bit, but leave in the reporting portion of the committee amendments. But, at this point, I think you need to give consideration to all of those effects of what is going to happen...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...if we do implement a mandatory system by January 1st of 1995 relative to Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Adams County and whether they can get it done. You know, what is going to happen if they can't get it done? What are we going to do as a legislative body? But we definitely need the reporting process. I still urge the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 841 and see as discussion evolves if we can work out some language so it will better suit all the parties involved.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I think, Senator Byars, that we're for the most part in agreement and I think what I would suggest that we do and, again, it's contingent upon the body's approval, is that we go ahead and reject the committee amendments and it's not a negative thing, but just to reject the committee amendments and then procedurally I agree, Senator Byars, we need to add, we'll need to add that report back in because I agree with you, that's an important function of that bill. We can reject the committee amendments which would put it to '95. Now again, I want to state a couple of things. In talking to Jack Mills out in the Rotunda, Jack has a couple concerns, and number one, I think in the committee hearing he stated that in his judgment it could not be done until '97 and he may be right on that. The theory behind the Appropriations Committee trying to keep it at '95 is to keep the hammer on because originally it was going to be done by July of '94. Okay, well, now they're saying, okay, we want '95 and now some people are saying it might be '97. We, as an Appropriations Committee and with the amendment on the reporting of Transportation Committee on the last bill, the Judiciary Committee on the court fee, we need to keep a close tab and keep feet to the fire and keep a close check and that's why we need